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**Comment to #15 - Oral Testimony**

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1        can save there you can build the four-lane. That's  
2        pragmatic. I understand that. I'll leave you alone  
3        now. I've given you enough confusion.

HARRY FRIEDMAN: I'm co-owner of property on

5        Santa Rosa Avenue which is a large business,  
6        home-improvement center. All together it's 23 acres.  
7        The building is over 100,000 square feet. We need five  
8        lanes of roadway from Todd Road to freeways south. You  
9        know, large trucks and cars trying to get into  
10       properties, whether it be businesses or homes, cars and  
11       trucks cannot make that turn now with the three lanes as  
12       it exists, not only exiting, but entering. Even now  
13       without the three and a half years of construction for  
14       the freeway, we are backed up many hours of the day.  
15       With that coming in, it will be disastrous. It's going  
16       to be unmanageable absolutely.

17                And the economic effects to the businesses  
18       on Santa Rosa Avenue will be -- well, I won't say  
19       disastrous, but it's more than just damaging. You know,  
20       all of the people on Santa Rosa Avenue want to expand  
21       that roadway. In fact, we have a committee called the  
22       Committee for a Better Santa Rosa that works diligently.  
23       We meet twice a month to improve our area. We are very  
24       interested in that. So we are willing to work with and  
25       to get this properly mitigated. What we don't want

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1 Santa Rosa Avenue to be is a parking lot for the  
2 freeway, and it will be that if it isn't taken care of.

3 Let's see. The Santa Rosa Avenue southern  
4 off ramp needs to be improved also for safety reasons,  
5 but the change the complete configuration is not really  
6 -- to accommodate Roberts Rules -- is not feasible, in  
7 our mind. If it's made to flow properly, to be a little  
8 bit more safe traveling and use that money to widen  
9 Santa Rosa Avenue and to fix that part of it, it would  
10 be a better use of Caltrans' funds or State funds,  
11 whatever it is.

12 You know the Wilfred off ramp has always  
13 been the gateway to Santa Rosa. All of the homeowners  
14 and businesses to Todd Road are very interested and  
15 anxious to be involved in making an inviting and  
16 showcase entrance to a deserving and proud Santa Rosa.  
17 We want Caltrans to please consider these vital issues.  
18 That's about it.

19 We lived on Santa Rosa Avenue since 1934, I  
20 believe it is. In 1936 enough property was purchased to  
21 make that a five-lane highway in 1936. That's over 62  
22 years ago and still nothing has been done. So isn't it  
23 time?

24 LIONEL GAMBILL: I'm going to say right up  
25 front I support widening the freeway. I'm on record

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**Response to #15 - Oral Testimony  
Harry Friedman**

| Comment<br>Number | Response          |
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| 15-A              | See response 14-C |
| 15-B              | Comment noted.    |
| 15-C              | See response 14-C |